

NO-BURN® TREATS BOARDMAN, OHIO HOME FOR *EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION*

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Jeff Novak, a 29-year-old special education teacher, and his three young daughters, live in Boardman, near Youngstown, Ohio. Novak's wife, Jackie died in May of a pulmonary embolism, two weeks after giving birth to the couple's youngest child, Presley. The two other children are Zoey, 6, and Harley, 2.

A family friend said that *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* was Jackie's favorite show. He said that she told her husband, while watching the show the night before she died, that some day she would be on the show. Jeff and Jackie Novak spent most of their time caring for others, whether it was for their three young daughters or in the classroom as schoolteachers. As avid fans of *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, the Novaks made it their goal to make a difference in the lives of others, as the show had done.

On Mother's Day 2005, the Novak family spent their morning hiking and playing in the park. In the evening Jeff and Jackie settled down and watched *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, as they did every Sunday. After the show, they kissed each other goodnight and exchanged "I love you's" as they always did. Neither had any idea that, on this night, it would be the last thing they would ever say to each other. An hour later, Jeff brought their newborn, Presley, into bed for a feeding. But Jackie didn't wake up. At the young age of 28, Jackie, the mother of three girls, was pronounced dead of a pulmonary embolism.



While the Novaks' lives were turned upside down by the loss of their mother, their home was ravaged by problems. Raw sewage filled the basement, their only shower leaked into the kitchen and family room below, and there was only one bathroom in the whole house for Jeff and three growing girls. Additionally, the windows are a problem without any screens or air conditioning... Jeff is forced to leave the windows propped open, which is a safety concern for curious toddlers. The entire floor plan, composed of small rooms, is a logistical disaster, making surveillance of the young children impossible for Jeff. But although the house is riddled with problems, unquestionably the biggest challenge for Jeff is suddenly becoming a single parent of three little girls and staying strong in the face of tragedy.

Five Ohio No-Burn® Dealers had the opportunity to treat the new Novak home. Following is their story:

The production office had told us to be at the jobsite around 1:00 am Saturday morning. We arrived about 12:00 am. It was approximately 2:15 am when they called us up. We were in a holding lot until that time, where we received our *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* tee shirts, hard hats and instructions. While we were waiting our turn, there were trucks in the holding lot that had lumber, trusses, 2 x 4's, some floor sections, etc, which we began to spray so that we could get as much as possible done. Being pressed for time once you actually get to the house we wanted to get done anything that we could possibly take care of before hand.

Once we arrived at the house itself, we sprayed the first floor and the garage. Then everyone had to vacate the house while the roof sheeting was installed. Once we were cleared to re-enter the house, we proceeded to the second floor. This was a very different situation. Many, many people were working upstairs. We actually accomplished spraying approximately 80% of the total house and garage, the upper rafters being the uncompleted 20%.

Everyone is so extremely busy trying to accomplish their goals there is no time to stop and chat. The people watching and also the people involved in the entire thing are very friendly, not afraid to talk with you. The food was unbelievable. You no more than finish with breakfast and they are already carting in the lunch. We were finished with our part of spraying around 5:30 am - 5:45 am on Saturday morning. We originally started around 2:30 am, had to wait approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hours before we could re-enter to spray the upstairs. We also helped out by moving tables, chairs, etc. and just pitched in where we could. We stayed and helped out as long as we could but once the special trades started moving in and doing their jobs, there wasn't a whole lot more that we could do. We ended up leaving about 12:00 pm on Saturday. This was an awesome experience and I think we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. This is truly a very worthy cause and it really feels great to be able to be involved with something so important.

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